

Meet Your Government

Lani Golstab

It's been an eventful two weeks concerning the student government here at Governor's School East. The interesting and diverse campaigns gained positive and negative feedback from the students. The election results for Vice President, 2nd Vice President, and Secretary were announced last week and the office of President was announced following a runoff election Monday. Here's a small attempt to educate the people about their government.



SGA President Sean Saunders hails from Brevard, NC, and is studying instrumental music. He is a student government veteran having served as a representative and vice president at his high school and enjoys the challenge that student government brings. He was motivated to run for office at GSE by his girlfriend, who attended GSW last year.

She encouraged Sean to get involved in as many activities as possible during the six weeks he is here. His campaign included many posters, free peppermints, and a sandwich board which he

wore around campus. The culmination of these efforts came when Sean, dressed in a Bam-Bam costume, decided to scratch his prepared speech and simply ask the students to choose who they thought would serve them best. Some of the changes he hopes to implement are phones in every room, a later curfew, and allowing females in the Orange Courtyard. Sean wants the students of GSE to know that they can come to him with any student government issues and he is interested in their input. He plans to put a suggestion box in the Belk Center.

Other Officers Featured Next Edition



Welcome Kmart Shoppers

Adam Shupe

When the population of Laurinburg increased by 400 people earlier this summer, there were cries of joy and happiness at the local Holly Square Shopping Center. Subway ordered more fresh ingredients, CVS stocked up on supplies, and Shoe Show put out tacky shoe displays on the sidewalk.

But the busiest place of all was the Mecca of Governor's School East: K-Mart. This store/grocery/café/hangout has taken a place in the hearts of the GSE students. I remember the day when "K-Mart shopper" was an *insult*. Now I can look myself in the mirror and say, "You are a K-Mart shopper," and it only brings a sheepish smile to my face.

I imagine a non-GSE student would have trouble figuring out the attraction that K-Mart possesses. I can't speak for everyone, but I came up with some possible reasons:

- 1) It is human nature to forget stuff, so we all needed to run and get that vital accessory which is sitting on your bed at home.
- 2) Food is *very* important here at GSE, second only to sleep. The K-Mart grocery is heaven-sent. The conditions of our dorm rooms when we got here led to increased sales in light bulbs, brooms, and triple-strength air-freshener.
- 3) The small café, while ungodly ex-

pensive, serves those cool, neon green aliens filled with Icee.

- 5) K-Mart is the perfect alibi. Why write down where you are *really* going, when you can just scrawl "K-Mart" in the sign-out book?

There are many more reasons, but these are some of the most common. Truthfully, you might find yourself going to K-Mart for no reason at all. It's just *the* place to go. In fact, K-Mart has become so popular that the newspaper is thinking of Eventually we will have to return to our humble abodes. We will go back to the sprawling shopping malls, enormous outlet stores, and giant grocery stores. But, until then, I'm satisfied to call myself a "K-Mart shopper." Thank you and come again.

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Boogie Nights

Anthony Palermo

Last Saturday night, hundreds of GSE students rocked out and danced around to such classics as "I'm too sexy", by Marky Mark and "I will survive" (the disco version, of course), by Gloria Gaynor. In addition to the excellent taste in music arose the Electric Slide and lots of drinks and desserts.

According to Instrumental Music student Ryan Zimmerman, "the best part was having everybody packed together jumping around like morons!" (Zimmerman's observations do not necessarily reflect those of this writer, the newspaper staff, or GSE.)

On a personal note, I thought it was another great way to get to know people better and have fun in an easy-going environment. Although it had nothing on the Orange Luau! Okay, back to the article. There will be a GSE dance every Saturday night in the gymnasium. Drinks will be served and a DJ will service all dances. The last dance of the summer will be the fantastic GSE prom facilitated by the Student Government. I encourage all of the students here at Governor's School to come out and enjoy themselves at the dances provided. Finally, I challenge any that deem themselves worthy to compete in a friendly break-dancing contest this Saturday. See you there!

Advice' With Abby & Aaron

First and foremost we would like to thank everyone who wrote in. We would even like to thank the idiot who attempted to fool us by tearing a Fong's menu in half and writing two different X-rated questions on the pieces using different handwriting. We are not stupid!! Try again using different sheets of paper, that might work better.

Aaron and Abby

Dear Abby and Aaron,

There is this guy I like a whole lot! We have made out several times behind the bushes. He told me that he loves me and I am scared that he wants to go all the way! How do I know if I am ready for sex?

Lusty in Laurinburg

Well Lusty, whatever you decide to do Morgan-Jones is totally off limits, unless of course you want to get sent home. In that case go out with a bang (he-he), just kidding. But seriously, sex is a very serious issue. We in no way shape or form condone violations of the GSE honor code. We don't want anybody getting sent home so tell your "boyfriend" to take a cold shower. That really won't be that hard of a question to fulfill considering the high quality hot water heaters we have here.

Next Question: Aaron and Abby

Abby and Aaron received many letters concerning the mail and a possible conspiracy. Here is just one of your outcries.

Dear Abby and Aaron,

I haven't got ANY mail. Not even a freakin' post card. I think the mail workers are stealing everything from my box. What can I do? I thought of reaching a Governor's School official to report it, but they're probably in on the scandal! Help me!!

Letterless in Laurinburg

Abby and Aaron feel so strongly about this problem that we have taken drastic measures to get to the bottom of it. I have sent Abby to work undercover in the mail room where she will face the dangers of paper cuts and psychotic postal workers just to solve this case. While Abby risks her life and her mental health I will be ummm, uhhh, doing something else just as dangerous. N-E-Way, our discoveries will be posted in our upcoming issue where actual pictures of the surveillance will be printed and reviled.

We would like to thank everyone one more time for responding to our column, but there is something that we would like to express to the readers. Not all of the questions can be printed and although we enjoy reading them some are either too graphic, like that roommate self-pleasuring one, or really, really strange. If you have a question, or think of a good one, try to have it by Tuesday so we can have time to choose the questions we can answer and respond. Some were turned in too late and will be printed in our next issue along with our findings concerning the mail crisis. To allow our readers a better understanding of what not to write we have left an example for your reading pleasure:

Dear Abby and Aaron,

A tribe of invisible llama-riding Gurkahs are trying to kill me. What should I do??!

A Bit Disturbed

A bit disturbed, try a lot disturbed. Someone needs some medication (its you, its you). Please don't ever write again unless you have something to say that is not retarded. Don't feel bad maybe you could get off of a capital murder punishment. "back to life, back to reality" you know, that song "back to life, back to reality" hello!

Until next time, Aaron and Abby!

Altos with Saxophones

Anthony Palermo

Some people seem impressed by 55 students' ability to earn a summer working with North Carolina's most comprehensive and adept musical professionals. Some are impressed by the near mastery of a musical instrument by high school students. So why is it that these 55 North Carolinian musical prodigies spend their class period singing like the choir?

I don't know either.

In addition to "voice training", the music students are being challenged

by extremely difficult music and various small music groups, which are open to all GSE students. The small groups include a Jazz Ensemble, a Salsa band, New Music (funky stuff), student composition groups, chamber ensembles, and a percussion ensemble.

If you are interested in hearing the GSE band perform, there will be a concert next Thursday evening at 7:30 in the gym. The smaller groups debut at an all day festival of the arts at the end of our six weeks here at St. Andrew's.

Wild in Wilmington

Abby Clarke-Sayer

Not to put down any of the other girls dorms but even Concord residents can admit that Wilmington is "where it's at!" Although the video games are out dated and the TV screen remains a hideous orange hue; Wilmington continuously attracts a crowd. The variety of GSE students in Wilmington each day range from exhausted Frisbee players to people rehearsing for Director's Discourses. Even Dr. Joe Milner, GSE Director, has been sighted hanging out in Wilmington Lobby with students preparing for the Spade Tournament. Guys from both Meck and Orange flock to the vacant pool table which, as much as I hate to admit it, goes unused due to Wilmington residents' ignorance of the game. One resident, Lindsay Childers, says that she loves all the guys playing pool in Wilmington but she just wishes she could get a private lesson. However, Wilmington's counselors, Sheila, Lillie, and Candy, aren't going to allow any guys getting too comfortable. They made it very clear to us on the first night of GSE that guys were prohibited from removing shirts and shoes in the Wilmington Lobby and that strong actions would be taken if the guys wore out their welcome.

After what seemed to be the longest dorm meeting in history, Wilmington residents elected their dorm president and other officials for SGA last Sunday night. Beth Fish, who didn't even know she was running, was elected president and Jessica Hoffert, after giving an excellent speech, was elected Vice President. They both promised to voice our opinions to the SGA and increase partying for the Wilmington Residents. Plans are already in the making for pizza parties and suite T-shirts. I think I can speak for the majority of Wilmington residents when I say that we are confident that Beth and Jessica will do a good job in keeping up our reputation as the Party Dorm.

**EXTRA!
EXTRA!**

**Sean Saunders elected
SGA President**

A Farewell to Grandfather

Dear Grandfather,

The walls of St. Andrews can, at best, distance us from the hardships of the outside world. They cannot remove us from them. On Saturday, June 26, my peaceful first week of Governor's School was abruptly jolted with the news of death. You had vowed to follow in your mother's footsteps and live to be ninety-three, so even at the admirable age of eighty-seven and after a tumultuous year of battling congenital heart failure, death seemed premature. With your indomitable will to live, I never doubted that you would recuperate to savor six more years of life.

It must be against the nature of man to express in our lifetimes the love we harbor for other men. I recognized this cruelty of nature and promised to explain my feelings for you in your presence. It was a promise I never fulfilled. I have so much to tell you, and yet, it is only in your absence that I have mustered the courage to do so.

We must first differentiate between the perfection of what could or should have been and the honest reality of what was. I forbid death and reminiscence to idealize our relationship, which was not, by any means, perfect. I always felt that by the time of my birth, when you were seventy, your prime had long since passed. It was a constant frustration to know that you, a cum laude graduate of Davidson College, a prolific film and theater critic for The Charlotte Observer, and a passionate activist for the arts in Charlotte, would never regain your past greatness. But, despite your fragile con-

dition, occasionally you would emit flashes of brilliance that left me stunned. When I told you about my studies in Latin, you recited lines from the great Roman poets. When I was reading Beowulf, you spewed out excerpts in the original Old English. And when I mentioned an interest in writing as a career, you casually noted your forty years of journalistic experience, having interviewed such celebrities as Bette Davis, Judy Garland, and Ronald Reagan. Now, with my prospects in journalism starting to look promising, I would give anything to have observed you at the height of your career.

Perhaps your best days had passed by the time I came along but you remained the glue that bound the family together. You were determined to preserve the heritage of the Torrances, one of the oldest families in Mecklenburg County. You archived over 18,000 historic family papers and donated them to UNC Charlotte, bestowed the Hugh Torrance Store, built in the late 1700's, to the Historical Preservation Society of Mecklenburg County, and recounted memorable tales of family intrigue, like that of Uncle John at Picket's Charge in the Civil War.

In the midst of preserving so much history, you may not have realized that we were forging a history of our own. Our lives were intertwined for seventeen beautiful years, sharing simple joys and happiness in each other's company. I remember the eager tone in your voice as you counted down the days to our annual beach trip, and the glee with which

you shouted, "I see the ocean!" as we neared our destination. And I remember escorting you down to the ocean, arm in arm, and carrying you across the surf- what we called the "Basinger Taxi Service." I remember clipping your toenails with the utmost precision, lest Grandmother exclaim, "Be careful! He's a diabetic!" I remember you waving goodbye to Vanna White- ironically, one of your favorite TV personalities, though you never criticized her theatrical shortcomings- at the end of "Wheel of Fortune." And I remember the ease with which you recited your grandchildren's full names. In a family with names often passed down through generations, I was jokingly dubbed, "Robert Banks Basinger I." These are the memories we fashioned together, our contributions to the dusty shelves of ancestral lore- our laughter, our lives, our history.

And so, dear Grandfather, I bid you farewell. Life is beckoning to be lived. There are people to know, places to see, dreams to fulfill. But you will be with me, surrounding me with your wisdom, your love, your spirit. In the words of one of my favorite songwriters, Carole King, "Now and forever, you are a part of me." No physical barrier- not death, not distance, not even the walls of St. Andrews- can take you from me.

Your loving grandson,
Robert Banks Basinger I

("Slice of Wry" will be back in the next edition!)

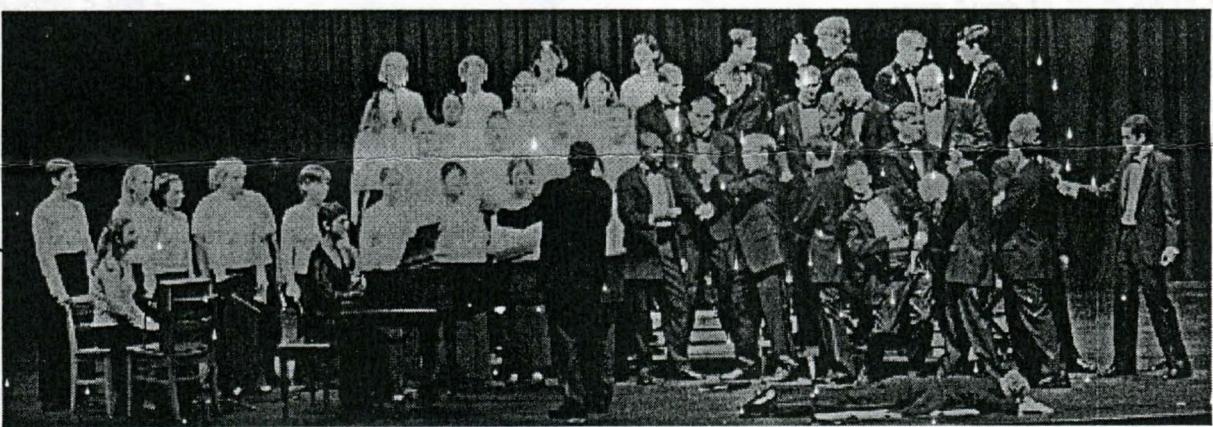
The Sound of GSE

Sunny Kim

The 45 members of the GSE Choir are extraordinary students with great talent and dedication. Under the direction of Dr. Gary Wright and accompa-

nist Nancy Rice, the GSE Choir has completed one successful concert and established several additional ensembles.

The first concert focused on music of humor, where the arrangements, lyrics, or the performance methods contributed to a night of fun and amusement for both the choir and the audience. The songs included



a piece where the men of the choir sang in a round, ultimately ending up with the phrase "Look up her dress", as well as choreographed pieces, such as "Fruitcake." The songs were learned in the

first week of Governor's School with three rehearsals a day. This accomplishment truly impressed the audience, showing the talent, dedication and hard work of the choir.

Currently, the GSE Choir is working on over twelve pieces for the next concert, focusing on music of love. The songs vary from familiar Appalachian tunes, to 20th Century modern songs,

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SGA Gets to Work

Andrew Beal

The inaugural meeting of GSE's 1999 Student Government Association was held on June 30 in the Granville Lounge. SGA representatives took on their responsibilities of being the voice of the student body and of organizing and decorating for the prom, which will be held July 30.

First on the agenda was the installation of SGA's elected officers. Sean Saunders was sworn in as President, Adam Bloomfield as First Vice President, Pete Lee as Second Vice President, and Christa Martin as Secretary.

After officers had been installed, President Sean Saunders opened the floor to the concerns of the representatives. It was explained that if the SGA decides on a specific change it wants made, a group of member and/or officers would prepare a case and present it to Dr. Milner for his consideration. Dr. Milner, who attended the meeting, expressed his enthusiasm about working with SGA to address student concerns and make the "once-in-a-lifetime" Governor's School experience as enjoyable and as fulfilling as possible.

A wide variety of issues was discussed at the meeting, including the matter of getting all of the phone lines in dorms to work, having the computer lab open later, and establishing 15-minute time limit for use on some computers. Representatives also suggested that buses be available to bring students back from the K-Mart/Harris Teeter shopping center. Concern was expressed over the lack of planned activities in the after-dinner hours, and it was suggested that movies be shown in Avinger 2-3 times a week. No formal action was taken by the SGA.

Melinda Powers, assisted by Amy Palo, is Sponsor for SGA. She called this an "interesting first meeting" and was "impressed" by the seriousness and abundance of good comments from students. Powers said it was important that the SGA be not only a forum for expressing problems, but also a vehicle for forming solutions. Powers and the SGA look forward to working for the well-being of all students.



Poetry by Malcom Willis Thomas, Jr.

The First Time I Saw You

The first time I saw you
It took my breath away
I wanted to speak to you
But I didn't know what to say

I remember the first time
I saw you standing there,
All I could do
Was stop and stare

I remember the first time
I saw your face,
I would have done anything
To take your man's place

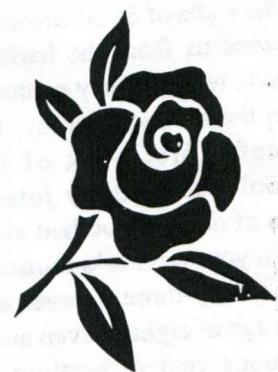
I remember the first time
I saw your eyes,
They were so enchanting
I was hypnotized

I remember the first time
I saw your lips,
I would have died
For one sweet kiss

I remember the first time
I saw your form,
I so very longed
To hold you in my arms

I remember the first time
I heard you speak,
At the sound of your voice
My knees got weak

In my dreams
I still relive that first time,
As I sit and wait
'Til the day you're mine



I AM

I am me
I wonder what makes me myself
I hear people telling me to be this
and that
I see people who deny themselves
in order to be something else
That'll never be me
I am a unique me

I pretend to be no one but myself
I feel myself changing
Changing despite my will to stay
the same

I look to the sky and wonder how
long I will be me
I worry I'll not be the same person
five years from now
My soul cries at the thought of
losing my identity
I am a changing me

I understand myself
I say that I'll never change
But I already have
I dream about the way things used
to be
The way I used to be
Though I no longer fight the
change
I hope as I change I'll stay the
same
I am a growing me

Attention Ladies of Concord:

Our wonderful counselors Tangula, Catie, and Molly have planned another party! This coming Saturday after the dances, the ladies of Concord will be having a sleepover in the lower lobby. In addition to chowing down on juice, Danish, and doughnuts, we will be viewing (on our "rotation" television that just doesn't want to stay straight) *Patch Adams* (which coincidentally was filmed at UNC Chapel Hill) and an all-time 80's favorite, *The Breakfast Club*,

starring everyone's favorite child of the 80's, Molly Ringwald. If you don't live in Concord and aren't getting all of these cool parties, talk to your counselors. Who knows, maybe you'll get to watch *The Breakfast Club* someday, too.

Thanks,
Susan Navaro

Correction: Tangula did not receive her undergraduate from UNC Charlotte. She graduated from UNC Chapel Hill.

Points to Ponder

Nathaniel Horner

This past Tuesday, GSE students were lectured with regards to the vandalism of SAPC buildings that occurred the night before. Though the act was, in terms of damage, a minor one, it has brought up a few points upon which we may ponder.

The points made by the faculty were clear and well-thought out. The extreme care taken by the administration not to crush freedom of expression is admirable and refreshing in today's world of restrictive institutions. However, the principle of "guerrilla art" assumes one thing: namely, that we are all not merely creative, but considerate as well. Art must add to, not detract from, our environment. It is certainly not to be said that the SAPC buildings couldn't use a little livening up, but it is not our right to act without permission. To see why, indulge me for a few moments as I briefly examine history.

Revolutionary principles must be founded on, and based on, certain fundamental rules that have always been, and will for a long time be, necessary in our society. Revolutions founded solely on fanaticism have never been successful. Certainly, the American Revolution had fanatical patriots such as Sam Adams and John Henry, but it also had such "apostles of reason" as Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, and Benjamin Franklin. Both elements are necessary for change. The French Revolution, on the other hand, moved out of the control of the great thinkers and into the

control of fanatics; as a consequence, the Reign of Terror resulted and the ultimate aims of the movement were never fulfilled.

Perhaps I have digressed, but my point is this. Free thought and expression are right and necessary, but with them, one must have a respect for established principles. In this material world, property is possessed personally and privately. Perhaps collective ownership will one day be a reality, but as long as the world cares about money and profit, our society will be based on property. Since this is the case, we must have a respect of the property of others.

It was noble of those at fault on this instance to own up to their actions, but such an action is meaningless unless it has brought about a recognition of traditional and fundamental values. The question now is, can we students further breach the rules? My personal feeling is, sadly, that we cannot. Therein lies my challenge to my fellow students: prove me wrong. Show me dangerous art. Create. But do so within the guidelines that enable us to be in an environment where this freedom is accepted and encouraged. I am grateful to all of the students here for helping out with the clean up and to the artists for their admissions, but my true applause is withheld until the end of the summer, when I will see if my peers learned from the assembly or merely listened to another boring speech. This is one wager I wouldn't mind losing.

Basketball Frenzy

Derrick Preston

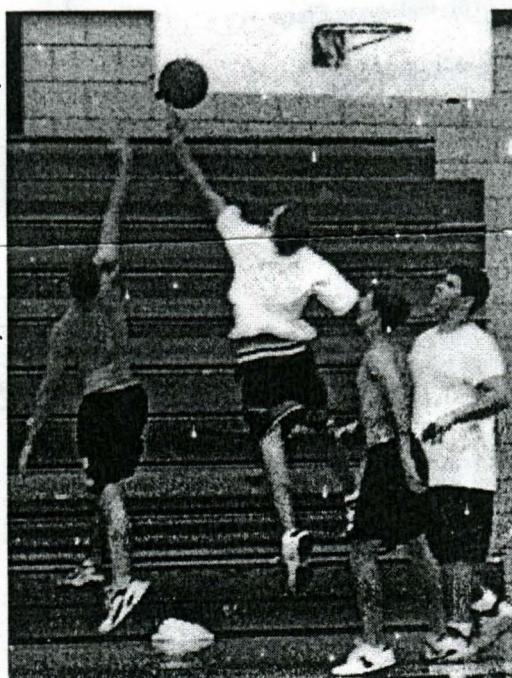
Definitely the most exciting extracurricular activity thus far has been the heated action on the basketball courts. Over the past two weeks, each of the eight men's teams has played at least three games, and the two women's teams have encountered each other once.

At this point in the season, it appears that the dominant male team is the staff team, which, as of Wednesday, June 30, was undefeated. The staff began its season on Monday, June 28 against Team Two, winning 36-28. The team then played Team Three on Tuesday, fighting hard to receive its second win by a score of 41-37. On Wednesday, the staff team once again edged out another team of young competitors, Team Six, 42-36.

What has pushed the staff team into the top position in the male division? The presence of a new player, Gabe, nicknamed "Superman," has led the team in scoring the last two games. Superman scored 41 points while only committing two fouls. According to

Michael Galdo, who played him on Tuesday, "Superman is a very versatile player who can dunk off his vertical leap."

Obviously, it is going to be difficult for the men's teams to defeat this powerhouse.



Fast Facts

Off-the-Wall Trivia Floating Around in

Dustin Joyce's Head

Welcome to my column, where you'll find out things you probably couldn't care less about. But if there's nothing else you learn at Governor's School, you'll at least know:

- Ouagadougou is the capital of Burkina Faso.
- Yes, Burkina Faso is a real country, and Ouagadougou really is its capital.
- There are over 16,000 windows in the Sears Tower in Chicago.
- There are over 3,000 counties in the United States. In Louisiana they're called parishes (after what the Roman Catholic Church divided the area into during French rule), and in Alaska they're called boroughs (who knows why?). Delaware has the fewest, with only three (Kent, New Castle, and Sussex), while Texas has the most, with 256 (or is that 254?—and don't ask me to name them all!).
- North Carolina has 100.
- On the subject of numbers—The "crown" (top) of the Bank of America Corporate Center in Charlotte required over 700 pages of mathematical calculations to design and construct. It consists of 460 aluminum rods, which can withstand almost any natural disaster.
- My brother's birthdate is 28 September 1985.
- William the Conqueror invaded England on 28 September 1066.
- On the subject of England—Do you know why the British drive on the left side of the road? Because most people are right handed, of course, and therefore in the Middle Ages most of the knights (and back then you did pronounce the 'k' and the 'gh') carried their swords on their right. As they were riding, they rode on the left with their swords on the right, so if they ran across an enemy on the road, they would be ready to duel.
- It's also the law.

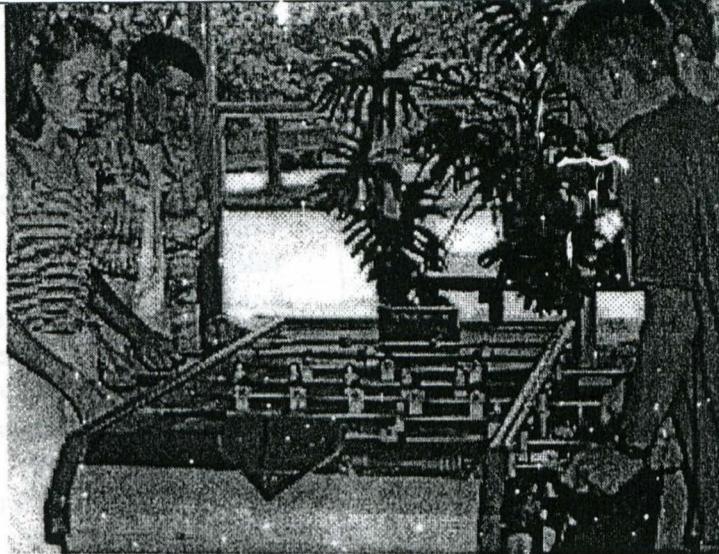
**If you have comments or concerns you would like to voice in *The Bridge*, feel free to put them in the box located in the Belk lobby.

Chorus from Page 3

perfecting the sounds of the choir. Therefore, students have to take the responsibility of learning their own parts individually. The singers are good sight-readers with a positive attitude and they are always willing to improve and learn from constructive criticism.

Although each member of the GSE Choir has a uniquely distinct and beautiful voice, when brought together in skillful blend of harmony

and melody, the sounds of music that they create are truly superior. To experience music filled with the wonders of love, come to the next GSE Choir Concert on Wednesday, July 7, at 7:30.



Wonder who won the game?

GSE Calendar Week 3

July 4 Sunday	1:30 pm	Bubble Blowing Contest- Belk Steps- see Scully
	1:30 pm	Scavenger Hunt- Groups of 4- GSE Office - See Bear & J 1st Prize wins Dinner Off-Campus!!
	2:00 pm	Softball Tournament- see Smitty
	2:00 pm	Balloon Stomp Competition- between Concord & Wilmington- see Megan
	2:00 pm	Egg Catch- behind Winston-Salem - see Keith
	2:30 pm	Frisbee Golf- Soccer Field, etc.-see Emily
	2:30 pm	3-legged Race- front of gym- see Mary
	3:00 pm	Film- Avinger- see Scully
	5:00 pm	Dinner- Cookout at the Belk Center
July 5 Monday	6:45 am	Yoga- Small Gym
	9:55 am	Area III- Mind Journey- Avinger
	11:15 am	Area III- Mind Journey- Avinger
	Lunch	Vote for GSE T-shirt Design
	3-5:00 pm	Director's Discourse
	7:00 pm	Poetry Workshop (Elective)- Gathering Place
July 6 Tuesday	9:55 am	Assembly- "Art and Public Policy"- Avinger
	11:15 am	Area III- Mind Journey- Avinger
	3:00 pm	20th Century "isms" in the Arts (Elective)- Art Studio
	3:15 pm	Math Contest- LA 102
	3:15 pm	Images of Women in the Media (Elective)- LA 116
	4:00 pm	A/V Technology (Elective)- TBA
	6:00 pm	Poetry Reading- Gathering Place
July 7 Wednesday	1:45 pm	Natural Science Speaker- "Physics on the Road"- Avinger
	7:30 pm	Choir Concert- Scotland High School
July 8 Thursday	8 am-5pm	Math to Chapel Hill
	4:00 pm	A/V Technology (Elective)- TBA
	4:30 pm	Southern Literature Dinner- LA 112
	7:30 pm	Band Concert- Big Gym
July 9 July 10 Friday Saturday	Long Weekend Begins	Students are Home for the Long Weekend

Bulletin Board

ATTENTION: Yearbook staff, please see Melinda ASAP!

The next newspaper staff meeting will be held at 4:00 on Monday in the Orange lobby. **ALL STAFF MUST BE PRESENT!**

SGA will meet Monday at 6:30 in Granville.

If you have ideas for newspaper articles or would like to submit something, please leave it in the box provided in the Belk lobby.

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